

“We Instead Of Me Because Of Him”

Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon Series: “Joy Invincible”

Introduction: We need each other badly right now because life is difficult.

Main Idea: As followers of Jesus, the way we treat others is modeled by, empowered by, and commanded by Jesus.

1. The example for living we instead of me is Jesus (v. 5-11).

How is he our example?

- A. He thought of us instead of Himself.**
- B. He came as a servant.**
- C. He humbled Himself all the way to death on a cross.**
- D. He sacrificed Himself for us.**
- E. He glorified God.**

2. The empowering for living we instead of me is our union with Jesus (v. 1)

3 Things to understand in order to understand this verse

-“Therefore” connect these verses to the preceding verses (1:27) and ground the content in the gospel

-“If” could really be translated “since.” It assumes a condition that is true.

-“In Christ” refers to our union with Jesus. That means that we do not have to try to follow Jesus’s example in our strength and resources, but it happens by us staying connected to Jesus and Him living through us (John 15:5, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:22-25). **When we are connected to Jesus, we are empowered to relate to others with His resources, which include:**

- A. Encouragement**
- B. Comfort from His love (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)**
- C. The fellowship of the Spirit**
- D. Affection and mercy**

3. The expression of we instead of me is obedience to Jesus (v.2-4).

A. Unity (v.2)

“like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind”

B. Humility (v.3)

Negative command- Don’t do anything through selfish ambition or conceit

Positive command- In lowliness of mind esteem others better than ourselves

C. Consideration (v.4)

Don't just take care of ourselves but others also.

Conclusion: (v.9-11)

Humility leads to exaltation and self-exaltation leads to humiliation.

1 Peter 5:5-6

We can live: "My Life For Yours" or "Your Life For Mine"